

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 10988.0005-05000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 3736
Donald SCHOMER et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Sean Patrick Dougherty
Application No.: 10/595,536	)	
	)	
Filed: February 8, 2007	)	Confirmation No.: 7815
	)	
For: SPINAL LIGAMENT	)	<b>VIA EFS WEB</b>
MODIFICATION DEVICES	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

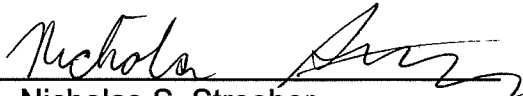
Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office  
Action of July 9, 2009, extending the due date for response to January 11, 2010  
(January 9, 2010, falling on a Saturday). A fee of \$555.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached  
reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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